



# IN THE ABSTRACT

*A quarterly newsletter from the Kentucky Cancer Registry*

Large Hospital Edition

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## USING KCR DATA:

Enclosed with this newsletter is a special publication from the Lung Cancer Research Project, a joint endeavor of the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. Data from hospital registries throughout the state were utilized in the section on lung cancer incidence. This report is another example of the important contribution made by each cancer registry in Kentucky.

## KCR'S 15th Annual Fall Workshop

Approximately 80 registrants attended the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Cancer Registrars' Workshop, held this year at Hilton Suites Lexington Green on September 27-28. The "Education & Celebration" theme manifested itself in numerous presentations, from showing how to market individual hospitals' registry data to Dr. Romond's presentation on newly reportable hematologic diseases. A banner in the hotel lobby directed attention to our celebratory new SEER affiliation!

The luncheon on Thursday was especially enjoyed by these lucky prize-basket winners: Teresa Ruddell (Regional Medical Center), Emily Reed (KCR), Mary Wilson (U of L Hospital), and Lisa Moon (Taylor County Hospital). In addition, an attractively framed certificate authenticating Kentucky's SEER connection was presented to registrars from each KY hospital. At the conclusion of Friday's session, engraved ink pens were presented to the registrants. Nine (9) continuing education units have been requested for the fall workshop. ♦

## KCR TRAINING

The next Abstractor's Training Class has been scheduled for November 14, 15 & 16 at KCR headquarters, 2365 Harrodsburg Road. Call 859.219.0773 ext 221 if you would like to be invited to attend. ♦

## NCDB Annual Call for Data:

The National Cancer Data Base has posted its Annual Call for Data 1985/1990/1995/2000 on the COC Website. The submission deadline for these data is November 30, 2001. Software to create the NCDB file will be delivered to KY hospitals in early November. ♦

## KCR STAFF RECEIVE RECOGNITION AWARD

This past summer, SEER conducted a Reliability Study among its 14 central registries (10 historic and 4 expansion registries). The purpose of this study was to provide statistically valid estimates of the accuracy of the coding and abstracting skills of the SEER registry personnel. The study consisted of ten case scenarios that were abstracted by the quality control field staff from each of the SEER registries. The cases included were: 2 colon cancers, 2 breast cancers, 2 lung cancers, 2 bladder cancers and 2 melanoma cases. Twenty-six data elements were abstracted on each case. At the SEER managers video teleconference last week, recognition awards were presented to the registries with the top five scores on the Reliability Study. The Kentucky Cancer Registry achieved FIFTH PLACE, outscoring nine other registries in a friendly competition and receiving an engraved plaque from NCI. ♦



**A NOTE FROM MARKEY CANCER CENTER CEO, Dr. Alfred M. Cohen:**

Following his fall workshop presentation on colorectal cancer, Dr. Alfred M. Cohen sent this message to Frances Ross and Judi Cook: “Looks like you had a large and enthusiastic attendance at the KCR meeting. I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts. Very helpful to hear first hand the concerns of the registrars. Reality checks are crucial. I will share these issues with staff in Chicago. Thanks again.” Aside from being Director of the Markey Cancer Center, Dr. Cohen is also the current Chair of the Commission on Cancer.

With the very real possibility of **additional ROADS data requirements** in the near future, we at KCR would like to encourage all Kentucky registrars to send letters and/or e-mails of concern to any of the ACoS Cancer Department Staff. The people listed below are charged with implementing changes in the ROADS Manual to capture data about co-morbid conditions, collaborative staging, detailed radiation treatment, and outcomes measures. Hospitals with ACoS approval are encouraged to discuss the potential impact of these changes on registry operations with their cancer committee chairs and ACoS liaison physicians. Then, write to the Commission and express your opinion regarding the possible benefits versus burden of collecting these additional data items. Letters on hospital letterhead including signatures of cancer committee chairs or cancer liaisons would be most effective. Let them know the true cost to the hospital for collecting and coding even more data elements! Your participation in this write-in campaign is vital to influence these potential changes in cancer data collection. ACoS **will** take notice of a large volume of individual letters and e-mails expressing thoughtful concerns, ideas, and solutions.

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## ***PEOPLE NEWS***



### *Welcome to New Hires:*

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| ★ Jodee Chumley, CTR    | Baptist Hospital East, Louisville           |
| ★ Sandy Emberton        | T.J. Samson Community Hospital, Glasgow     |
| ★ Kendra Garvin         | The Medical Center, Bowling Green           |
| ★ Teresa Helton         | Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital, Somerset |
| ★ Christine Lapina, CTR | Baptist Hospital East, Louisville           |
| ★ Rhonda Paul, CTR      | Norton Audubon Hospital, Louisville         |
| ★ Shannon Schawe        | St. Luke Hospital, Fort Thomas              |
| ★ Bernice Slone, CTR    | KCR Non-Hospital Facility Abstractor        |
| ★ Donna Tucker          | KCR Small Hospital Abstractor               |

### *Resignations:*

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| ★ Jodee Chumley, CTR    | Jewish Hospital, Louisville              |
| ★ Pam Courtney, CTR, RN | Purchase Cancer Group, Paducah           |
| ★ Rhonda Paul, CTR      | Owensboro Mercy Health System, Owensboro |
| ★ Bernice Slone, CTR    | Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington      |

**Congratulations!**

### **ACoS Approval:**

- ★ Taylor County Hospital, Campbellsville, was recently awarded a full three-year ACoS approval. Please extend congratulations to cancer registrar Jennifer Smothers! ♦

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## GOLDEN BUG AWARD

Thank you for the multiple bugs reported during this past quarter! The Golden Bug designation goes to Miranda Boils at Hardin Memorial Hospital. Two Silver Bug Awards have also been designated, and the winners are Sue Burns from St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington and Marge Constan from Baptist Hospital East in Louisville. Pete and Eric appreciate your ongoing diligence in reporting software quirks. ❖



## CTR Program Offered Online via SUNY Community College

Orange County Community College, a State University of New York two-year accredited college, will offer online classes in its cancer registry management program beginning this fall. After satisfactorily completing the program, students will be eligible to sit for the CTR exam. To receive an information packet on this program, mail a request to Orange County Community College, IBIG, Joan Howard, IBIG Coordinator, 115 South Street, Middletown, NY 10940; call (845)341-4380, fax (845)341-4380; or e-mail [ibig@sunyorange.edu](mailto:ibig@sunyorange.edu). ❖

## ERROR! EOD CORRECTION REQUIRED.....

Your attention is requested in regards to an entry in the SEER EOD Manual. On page 136, Code 43 should read (T3A) rather than (T3B). **Please make this correction in your manual immediately.** ❖

## REVISION TO ABTRACTOR'S MANUAL

Please add the following to your Abtractor's Manual *at the top of page 80*:

Colon polyps may be present in more than one segment of the colon. If the diagnosis reads "adenocarcinoma in multiple polyps," it is one primary, colon, NOS (C18.9).

**Please make this correction in your manual immediately.** ❖

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### CTR EXAMINATION

Application Deadline	Examination Date
February 1, 2002	March 16, 2002
August 1, 2002	September 14, 2002



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### 28<sup>th</sup> Annual NCRA Meeting

May 22-24, 2002

Nashville TN